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“READ LOCAL” SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY AUTHORS AT LIBRARY

Glendale, Ariz. — Shop local, eat local . . . why not “Read Local”? Find something new to read and show support for local authors as they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published science fiction and fantasy books at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Each author will have approximately five minutes to promote his or her science fiction/fantasy book, with a group signing afterward. Scheduled authors include:

- **Rick Cook** - Rick Cook writes fiction so he can inflict wretched puns on unsuspecting readers. He is the author of “The Wiz” series from Baen Books, fantasy novels full of bad computer jokes. His work has appeared in “Year’s Best SF” (in collaboration with Earnest Hogan) and in “Analog,” most recently in the May 2010 issue. For information on Cook, visit <http://rickcook.biz>.
- **Gini Koch** – The prolific Gini Koch writes the fast, fresh and funny Alien/Katherine “Kitty” Katt series for DAW Books, the “Necropolis Enforcement Files” series and the “Martian Alliance Chronicles” series for Musa Publishing. As G.J. Koch she writes the “Alexander Outland” series. She also writes under a variety of other pen names including Anita Ensai, Jemma Chase, A.E. Stanton, and J.C. Koch. For information on Koch, visit <http://www.ginikoch.com>.
- **V.S. Nelson** – Nelson has been a storyteller all her life, creating stories about people discovering the courage to make a difference. This inspired her paranormal series centering on strong relationships and prompted her brand: “Ancient Legends, New Worlds.” “Eternal Lovers” and “Eternal Nights” are the first two books in her series, “Sekhmet’s Guardians.” For information on Nelson, visit <http://www.authorvsnelson.com>.
- **Amber Polo** - Amber Polo's fascination with lost ancient libraries and curiosity about why werewolves outnumbered dog-shifters in literature, inspired “The Shapeshifters' Library,” her new urban fantasy series filled with librarian dog-shifters. For information on Polo, visit <http://www.amberpolo.com>.

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- **Deena Remiel** – The mystique of Arizona’s history and landscape called to Remiel and catapulted her career as an author. When she’s not writing paranormal romance and urban fantasy, she teaches language arts to middle-school students and loves to connect with her fans. Find her on at <http://www.deenaremiel.com> and Facebook.
- **Vijaya Schartz** – Born in France, award-winning author Vijaya Schartz likes action and exotic settings, both in life and on the page. She claims to also travel through time, as she writes without boundaries about the future and the far away past. Her books have been compared to Indiana Jones with sizzling romance. For information on Schartz, visit <http://www.vijayaschartz.com>.
- **Mimi Sebastian** – Mimi Sebastian grew up on books about the strange and unusual, with an unhealthy dose of comics and swashbuckling Errol Flynn movies. Loving angst-filled romance, she decided to blend all those elements in her first urban fantasy series. Book one, “The Necromancer’s Seduction,” debuted July 15, 2013. For more information on Sebastian, visit <http://www.mimisebastian.com>.
- **T.L. Smith** - A stint in the U.S. Air Force as a radar specialist taught Smith to appreciate ever-changing technologies, giving life to the science fiction she loves so much. Her debut novelette, “The Thing Down the Road,” is a dark science fiction/horror available through Musa Publishing. For information on Smith, visit <http://www.tlsmithbooks.com>.
- **H.D. Thomson** – After working in the corporate world as an accountant, Thomson changed her focus to one of her passions - books. She started Bella Media Management, specializing in web sites, video trailers, ebook conversion and promotional resources for authors. When she is not heading her company, she follows her first love - writing. For information on Thomson, visit <http://www.hdthomson.com>.
- **Arabella Thorne** – Thorne started writing at age 12 because she wanted to be in the adventures of “The Man from U.N.C.L.E.” She spent 19 years at “The Los Angeles Times” where, as an assistant in the film department, she interviewed George Lucas. Her inspiration for elves comes from Peter Jackson’s interpretation of Tolkien. For information on Thorne, visit <http://www.arbellathorne.com>.

The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3440.

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